

The Warren Fire Dept. conducted their Aug. meeting on the 18th at Hdqtrs. The meeting was called to order at apprx. 7:00 p.m. with Chief Galinelli presiding. The following items were discussed at the meeting.

Old Business: Minutes for June meeting read & approved.

Tax forms distributed to Asst. Chiefs.

Inventory lists submitted to Chief.

All Asst. Chiefs should have hose testing cards.

New Business: FEMA announced Warren's 2005 Assistance to

Firefighters Grant for personal protective equipment approved. The approved project is \$47,000; Federal share is \$44,650, and the town's is \$2,350. Chief Galinelli will disburse new equipment to veteran firefighters and supply recruits with older gear.

There will be a fireworks display at Byron Kee's property Sat., Aug. 27th. Display approved at last Council meeting. Asst. Chief Sousa will monitor festivities, as Chief Galinelli will be out of town.

40% increase in fuel costs projected for this winter. All instructed to remind firefighters to close station doors when responding to calls and to keep heat low, and shut off unnecessary lights. To save costs, drivers should eliminate "joy riding" and have 4 or more on any apparatus except rescue when conducting training exercises.

Asst. Chiefs have emergency access box updates. It was noted the gun club now has one at front door. Layout of gun club presented to Hazards, Eng. 5, & Eng. 6. Fire protection system plan for old Child Street School given to Hazards & Eng. 5.

Sat., Aug. 20th, Dave Freirich hosting outing for autistic children at his farm. He asked Chief for support; Chief requesting Eng. 1 cover 9:00-1:00, and Eng. 5 from 1:00-5:00. Rescue encouraged to attend. Company officer to get back to Chief asap.

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 9-15th. Deputy Chief Blank to formalize plans for celebration at next Training Division meeting. Papa Gino's again willing to donate pizzas.

New rescue should arrive Fri., Aug. 26th.

Chief issued new SOP on tampering with department equipment, as some individuals fooling around with equipment & apparatus. Anyone caught tampering with apparatus may be disciplined and possibly discharged from department. Additional SOP issued concerning duty shifts. On trial basis, rescue truck/room steward positions eliminated, and duty crew will assume responsibilities.

Ladder testing has gone well and should be completed this week.

HazMat operations level training scheduled and will be open to entire

department, although will be geared for firefighters planning to attend Firefighter I class. Dates announced: Thurs., Sept. 8, 6:30-10:30; Sat., Sept. 10, 8:00-2:00; and Sat., Sept. 17, 8:00-2:00; all at fire hdqtrs. Firefighters must attend all 3 classes to receive state issued certification. These classes mandatory prerequisite for anyone planning to attend FF I training.

Effective immediately, Fred Cavallaro will be 3rd Lt. in rescue. This is on a trial basis until Jan.

During recent severe weather, Marine 4 partially submerged & sustained damage to GPS, depth finder, radar & engine. Est. cost to repair damage is apprx. \$15,000; town will seek reimbursement from insurance carrier. Marine 1 blew engine last week, leaving dept. with only 2 marine units. Asst. Chief Remy made motion, duly seconded & passed, that Chief send letter to town manager & harbormaster requesting access to Harbor boat. Marine 3 to be located in Kickemuit River to ensure adequate marine coverage.

Station Reports: Sta. 2 - New overhead door should be in next

Wed. Chief will contact plumber to fix broken pipe in kitchen.

Sta. 3 - Plymovent system will be extended to rescue bay.

Sta. 5 - Cabinets have been installed, & a nightlight between bays. The company purchased new dishwasher. Chief looking to install Plymovent system in both bays.

Sta. 6 - Asst. Chief Remy6 will investigate installation of a well, and installation of a new toilet in the rear of the building.

Rescue - Has new overhead door.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Attendees: Chief Galinelli; Dep. Chief Blank; Asst. Chiefs Miner, Remy, & Sousa; Cpts. Asselin, Beaulieu, & Ulmschneider; & Lt. McPhillips.